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REMARKS

Status of the claims

Originally patented claims 1-41 and new claims 42-74 were initially presented for reissue on December 27, 2001. Claims 54-74 were cancelled, and new claims 75-103 were added by amendment on December 13, 2002. Claims 42-53 and 75-103 were cancelled on March 26, 2003. In an Amendment mailed on March 5, 2004, claims 19-22 were cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, and new claims 104-128 were added. Accordingly, claims 19-22 and 42-103 are cancelled; while previously-issued claims 1-18 and 23-41, and new claims 104-128 are presently pending. Support for new claims 104-128 was presented in the Communication mailed on March 5, 2004.

All claims in proper format for Reissue

Amended claims 3, 23 and 32 are now presented in proper form for reissue, showing changes with respect to the original patent. MPEP 1453. Changes have also been made to the presentation of new claims 104-128, which were added by the Amendment mailed March 25, 2004. In these claims, the designation "New" has been removed, and the claim number has been underlined, thereby showing all changes with respect to the original patent. Applicants believe that all claims are now in the form required by 37 C.F.R. §1.173(b)(2) ; 37 C.F.R. 1.173(d)(2) and MPEP 1453, as appropriate for a Reissue application.

Supplemental Declaration

Applicants' representatives are in the process of preparing and obtaining a Supplemental Reissue Declaration from the inventors, and will provide same to the Office as soon as executed copies are received.

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CONCLUSION

Applicants regret any inconvenience that may have been caused by the improper presentation of the claims, and thank Examiner McKelvey for his patience.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if he believes that a discussion would expedite the disposition of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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